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Serial No. 10/765,984
Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.312

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claim 18 has been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 5-21 remain pending in the application.

By the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 18 to correct a clerical error. Specifically, claim 18 now reflects dependency from independent claim 2. Applicants note that claim 18 recites the same subject matter as claim 17. Claim 17 depends from independent claim 1. Accordingly, a redundancy had occurred by claim 18 also being dependent from independent claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendment to claim 18 does not require any additional searching, because the language of claim 18 has not changed and the scope of independent claim 2 has not been broadened.

If the Examiner believes that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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AUTHORIZATION

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43431X00).

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